

In Memoriam

Professor Sheldon W. Halpern

Sheldon W. Halpern was born on December 16, 1935. He earned his B.A. from Cornell University in 1957, and earned his J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1959, graduating first in his class and as a member of the Order of the Coif. Over the course of the next twenty-five years, Halpern worked in firms rising to the level of partner in New York and Minnesota, for two publicly held corporations as vice president and general counsel,¹ and as a consultant on firm management matters. In 1984, Halpern joined Ohio State as an associate professor.² After twenty-one years of teaching at Ohio State, he entered emeritus status in 2005, became a professor at Albany Law School, and was a visiting professor across the world until 2014.³

Halpern was an avid writer as seen by the many law review articles, treatises, and books he authored or co-authored throughout his life.⁴ Legal topics ranged from copyright, defamation, privacy, publicity, and contract law, and included aspects of the moral values of law.⁵ He also ran conferences on topics of interest.⁶ He was elected to The Ohio State University's Emeritus Academy in 2014 and was also elected as a Life Member of the American Law Institute.⁷

Halpern passed away on February 25, 2016, survived by his wife, Dorit Samuel, and daughter, Michaela Halpern. For those who knew Halpern, he was a devoted scholar and a beloved colleague.⁸

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¹ See *College Mourns Loss of Emeritus Professor Halpern*, OHIO ST. U. MORITZ C.L.: BRIEFING ROOM (Feb. 29, 2016), <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/briefing-room/faculty/college-mourns-loss-of-emeritus-professor-halpern/> [<https://perma.cc/Q96X-DL7Q>] [hereinafter *College Mourns Loss*].

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*; see also *Albany Law Mourns the Loss of Professor Halpern*, ALB. L. SCH. (Feb. 28, 2016), <http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/Albany-Law-Mourns-the-Passing-of-Professor-Halpern.aspx> [<https://perma.cc/Z2XT-75V5>] [hereinafter *Albany Law Mourns*].

⁴ *College Mourns Loss*, *supra* note 1. Halpern and Port were co-authors in a treatise on intellectual property law. Ken Port, In Memoriam, *In Tribute of Professor Sheldon Halpern*, 78 OHIO ST. L.J. 281, 281 (2017).

⁵ *College Mourns Loss*, *supra* note 1; see also Anita L. Allen, In Memoriam, *Bruised Soul of the Artist: A Tribute to Sheldon W. Halpern*, 78 OHIO ST. L.J. 261, 262–63 (2017).

⁶ See Marshall Leaffer, In Memoriam, *Sheldon Halpern and the Right of Publicity*, 78 OHIO ST. L.J. 275, 275 (2017); see also *Albany Law Mourns*, *supra* note 3.

⁷ *College Mourns Loss*, *supra* note 1.

⁸ See generally Allen, *supra* note 5; Leaffer, *supra* note 6; Port *supra* note 4.

